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May Red Meat Production

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.3 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during May 2011, down 14 percent from May 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, 400 head below one year ago. The average live weight, at 1,149 pounds, increased 4 pounds from last year.

During May there were 1,100 hogs slaughtered, up 100 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 256 pounds, was down 5 pounds from last year. May sheep slaughter in the state totaled 200 head, down 100 head from May 2010. The average live weight increased 17 pounds to 96 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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